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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Program

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1. [REDACTED] and I discussed the fact that he was going to sign the lease for the Facility today (16 July), and that he should look into what [REDACTED] was proposing for [REDACTED] and several other mundane matters.

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] said he had been talking recently with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] about P-11 satellites. He mentioned parenthetically that he was aware of the Agency's interest in a synchronous satellite. I made no response.

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] continued by saying that the U. S. certainly had the means for a super [REDACTED] program. After a bit of very broad generalization the question came up as to whether or not I had a "K" clearance. I said if I did I wasn't aware of it. [REDACTED] then indicated that Aviation Week had the story pretty straight anyway and it turned out what he was talking about was use of A-11 aircraft as a probe.

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4. [REDACTED] sketched a plan whereby 3 P-11 satellites spaced 120 degrees apart in polar orbit would make north/south passes across the Soviet Union progressing say East to West but with 500 miles spacing between each trace at intervals of 30 minutes. The A-11 could fly diagonally across the Soviet Union stimulating the defense networks while the P-11s gathered the resulting ELINT data. He speculated the radars of interest may include TOKEN, TALL KING, SPOONREST.

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5. I touched lightly again on the K clearance business and [REDACTED] believes it is [REDACTED]

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6. At this point we discussed what should happen on [redacted] and I indicated mild unhappiness at the prospects of spending [redacted] for what should be a 25 lb package.

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7. As he was leaving [redacted] said he had to go see a [redacted] [redacted] in NRO regarding TK facility clearance for [redacted] so they could work with [redacted] on the program he had described.

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8. Looks like NRO may be putting an Air Force 'arrow' to the overhead recon 'bow.'

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